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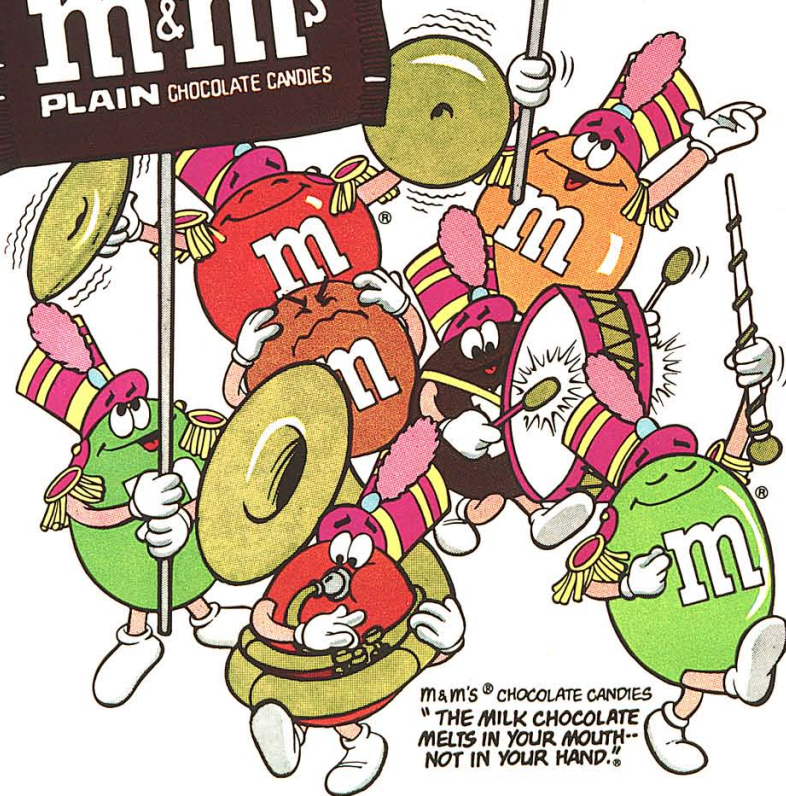




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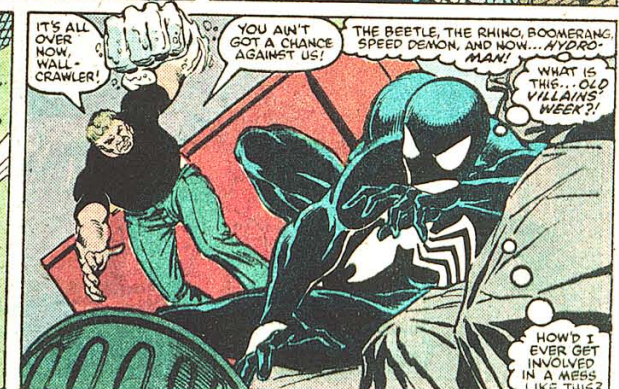
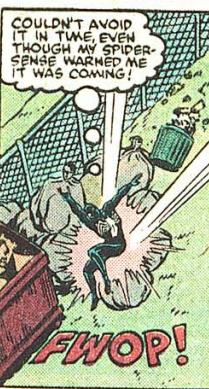
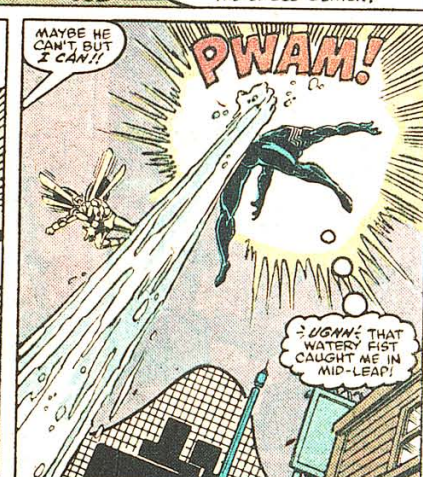
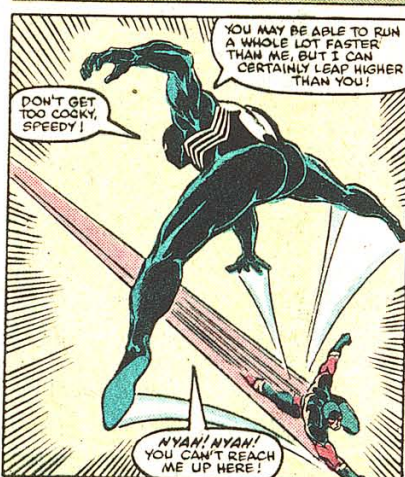
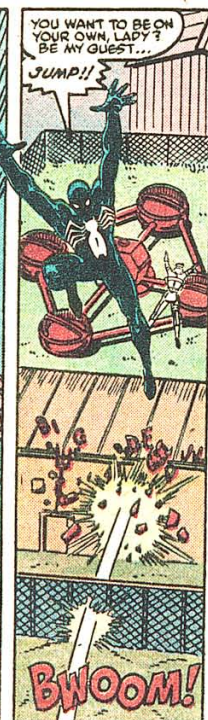
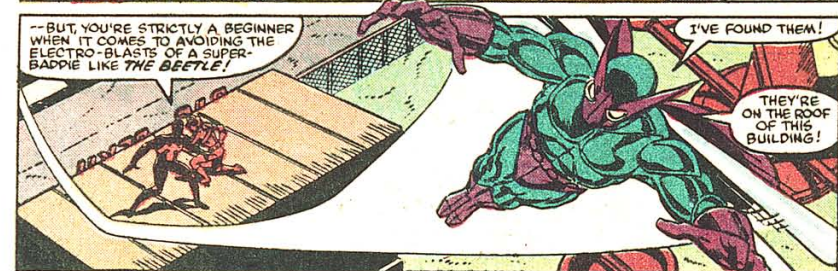
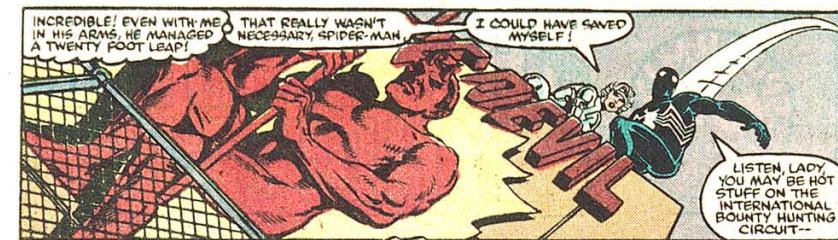
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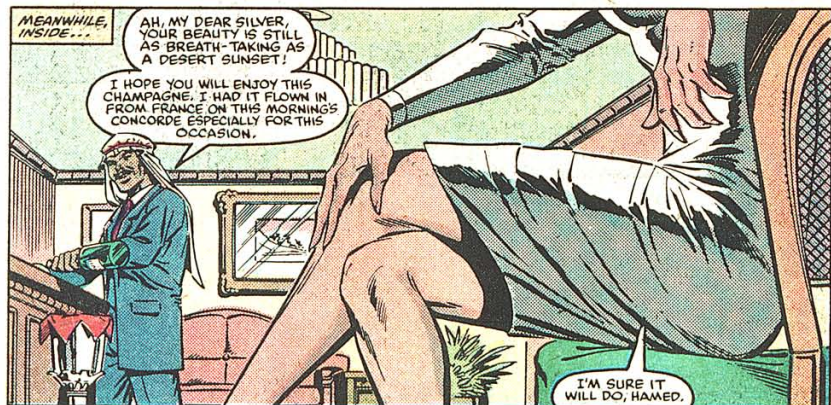
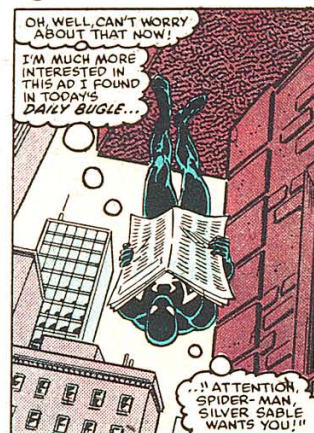
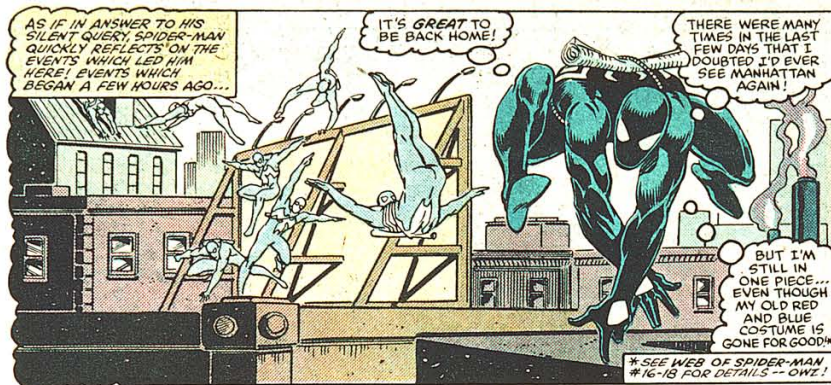
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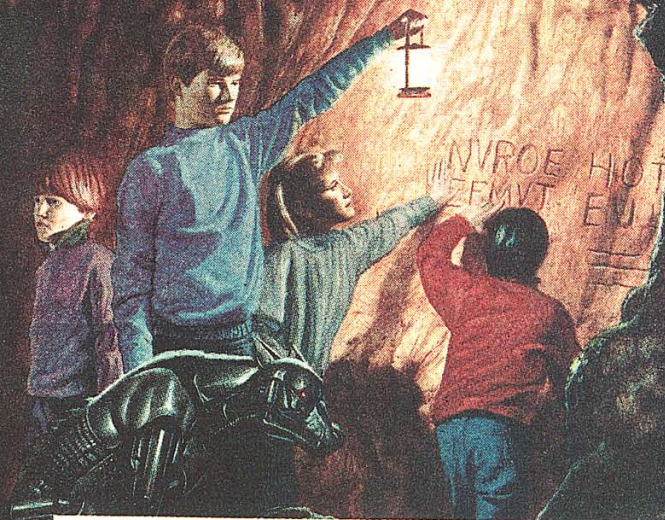






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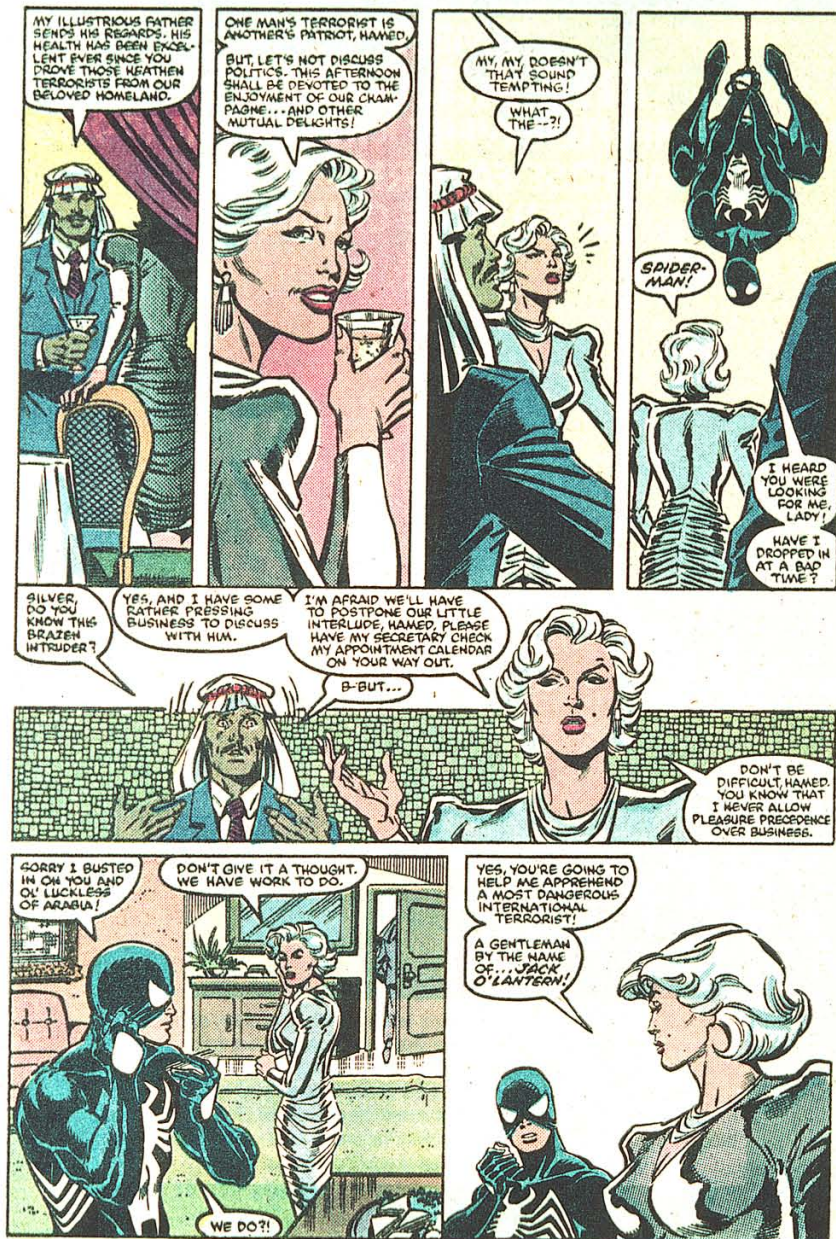
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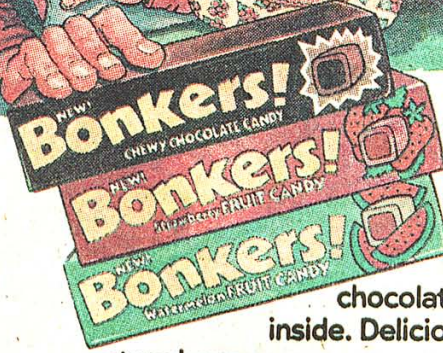




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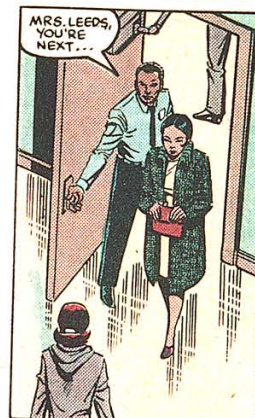
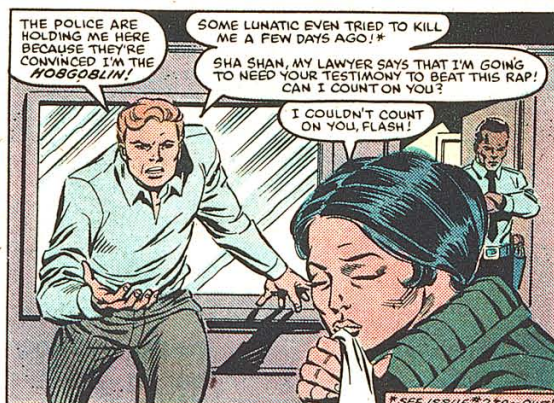
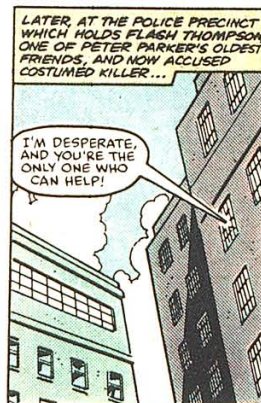
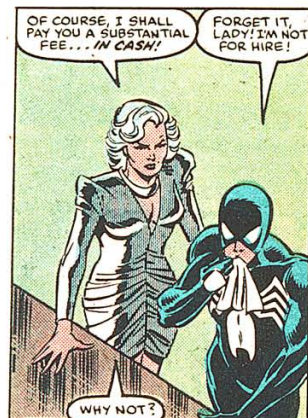
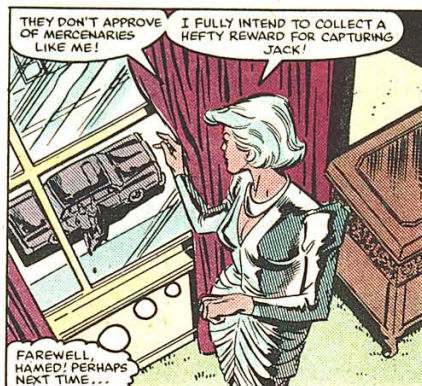


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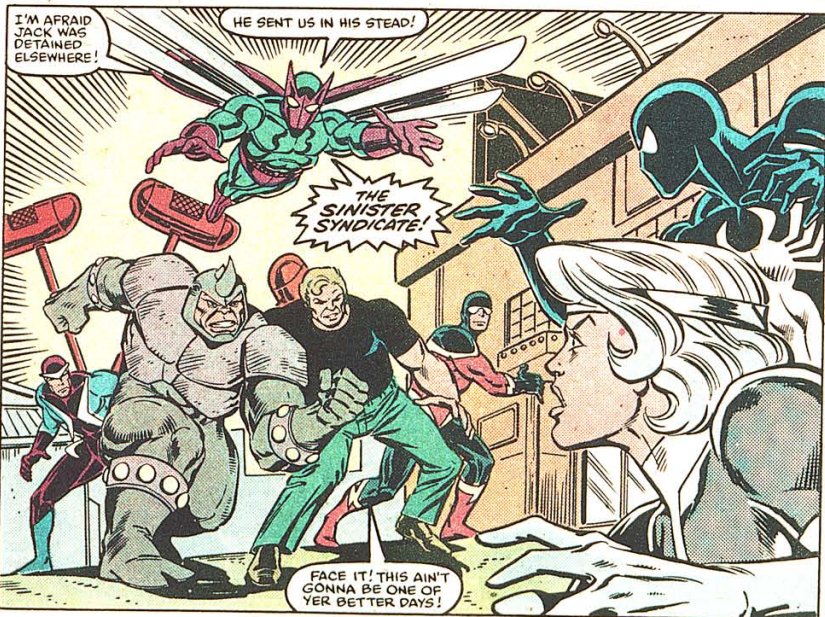
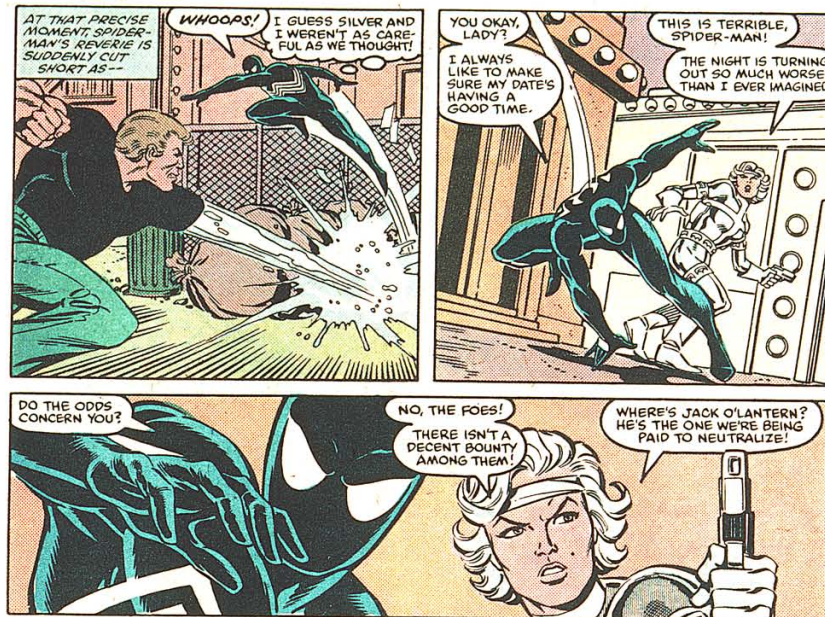
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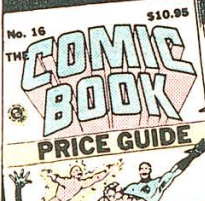
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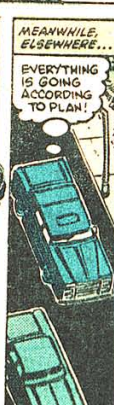
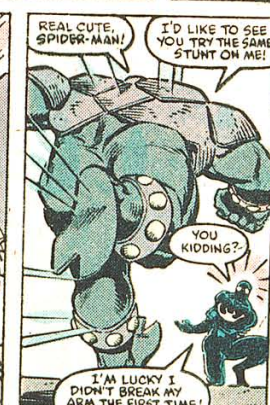
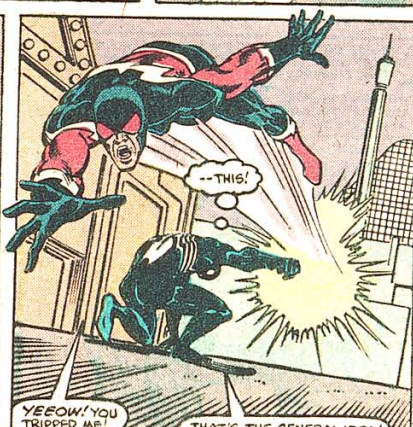
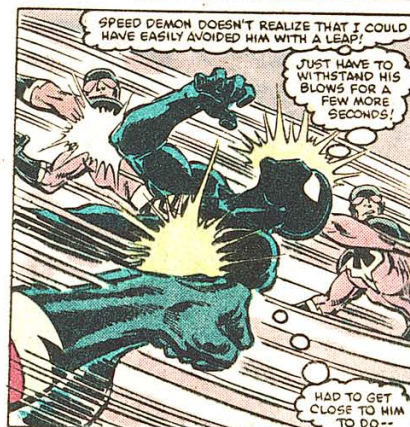
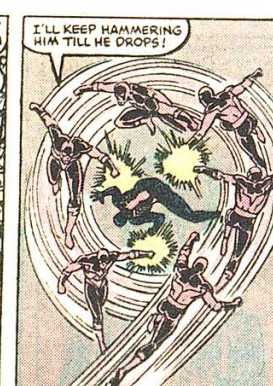
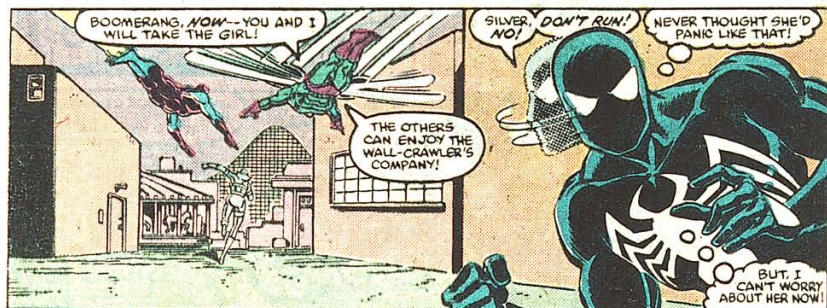
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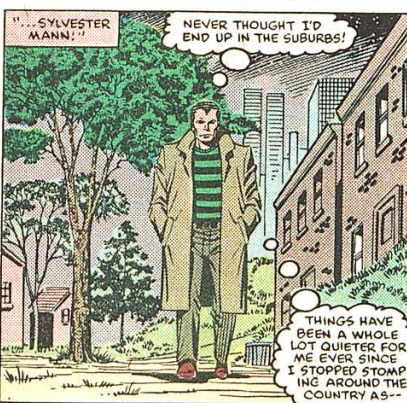
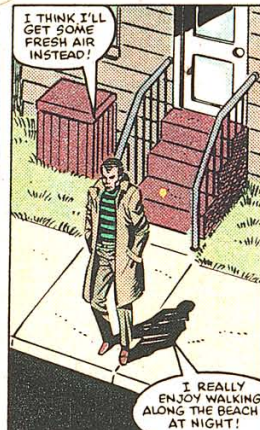
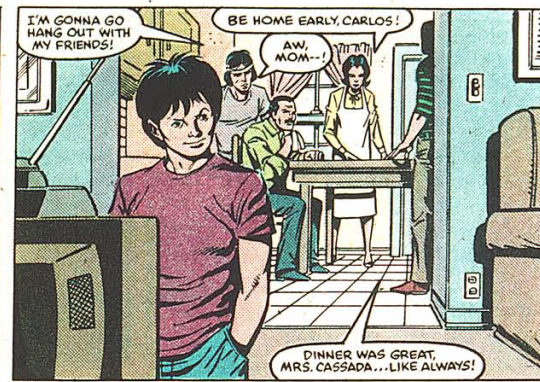
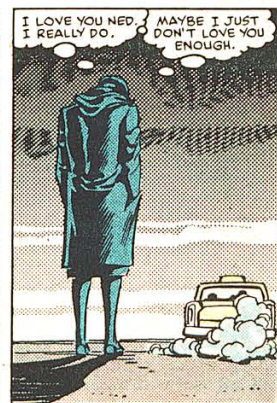
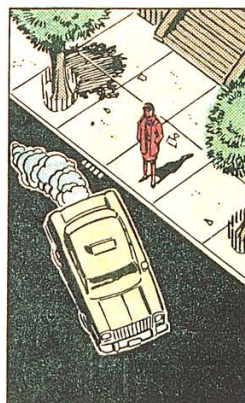
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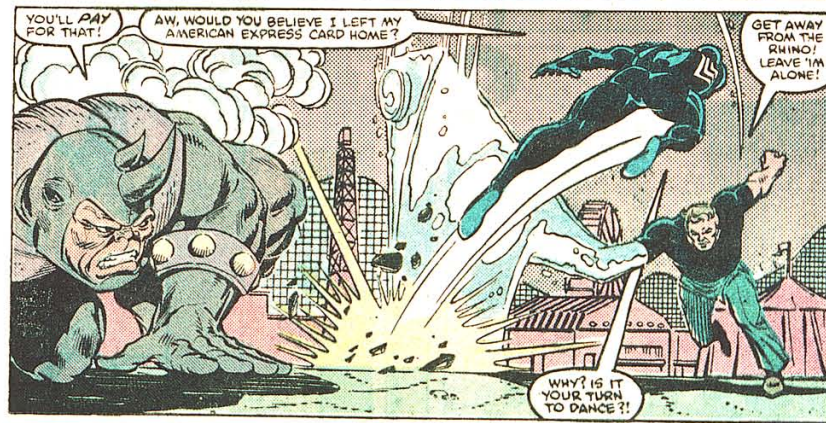
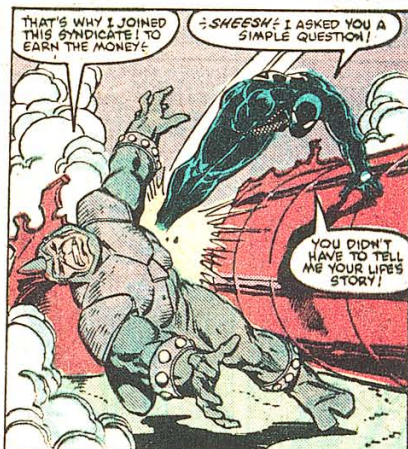
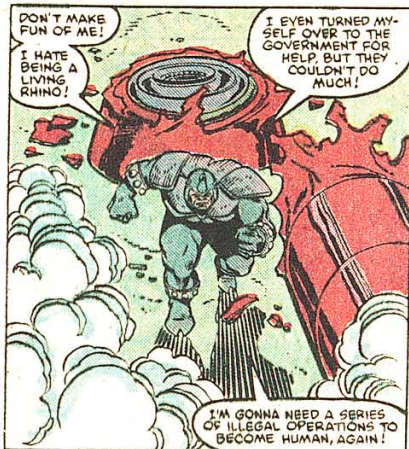
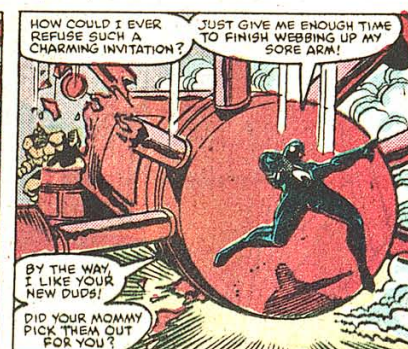
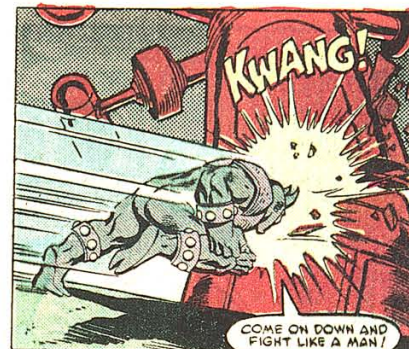
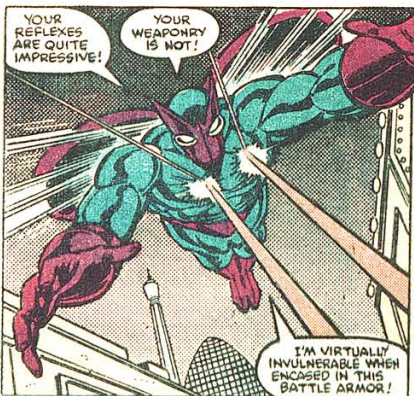
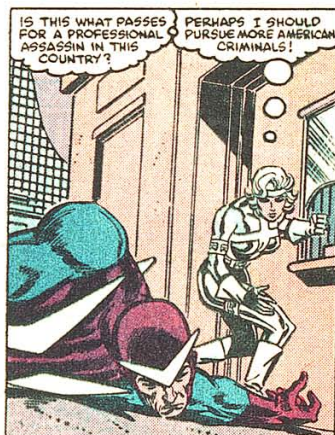
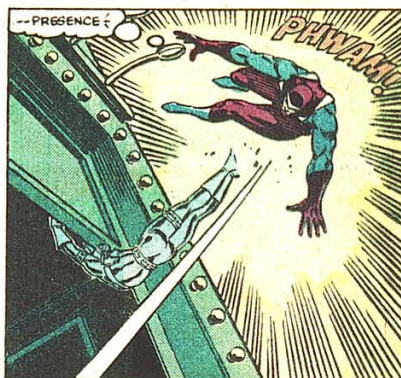
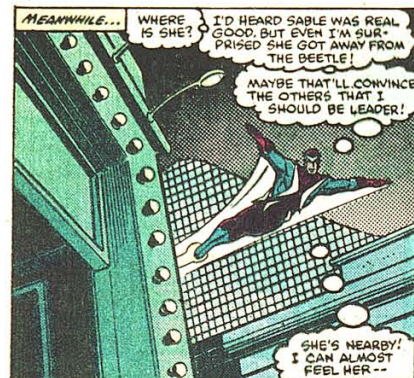




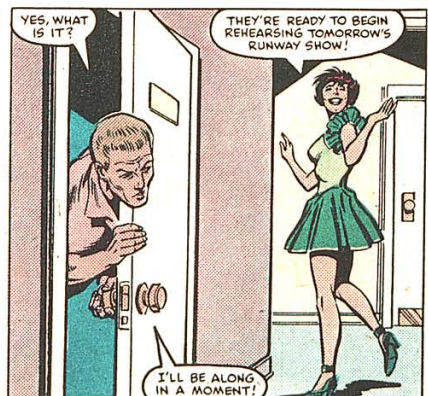
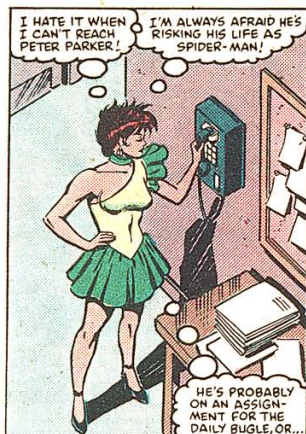
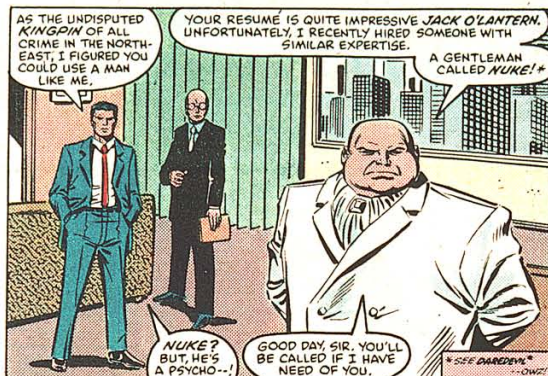








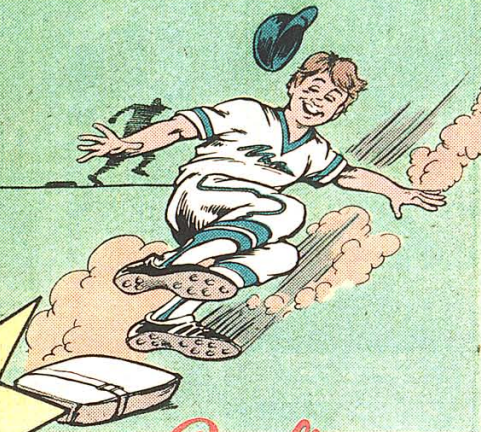




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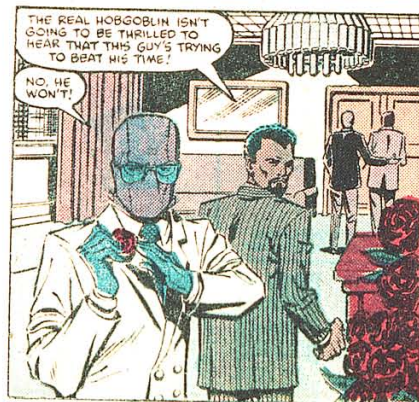
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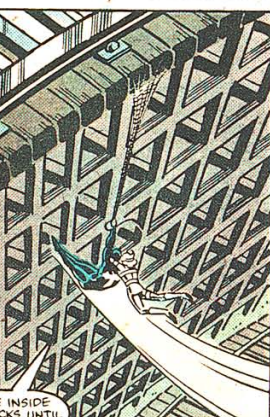
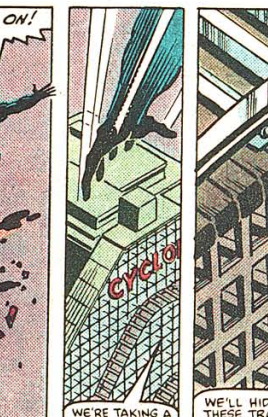
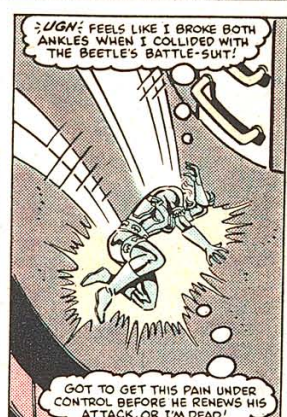
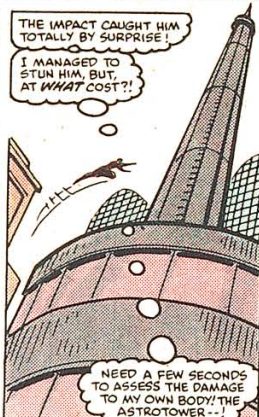
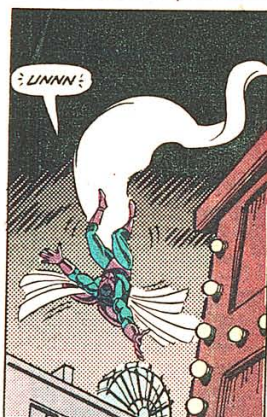
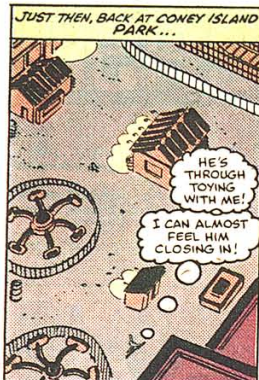
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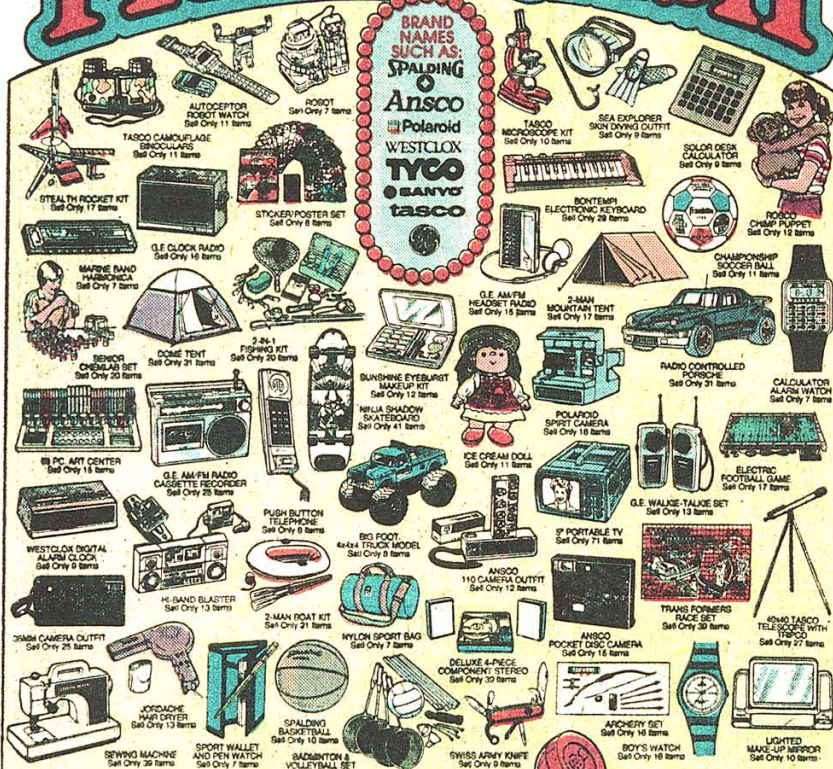
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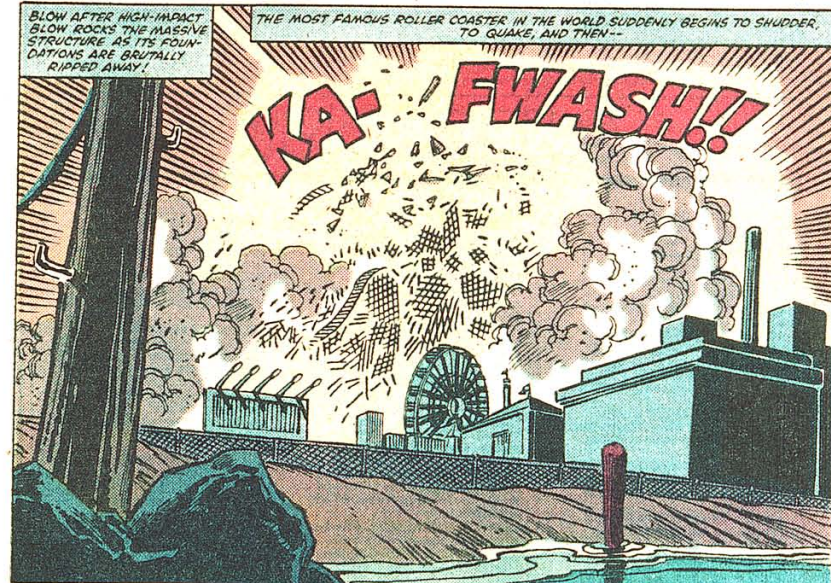
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## STAN LEE TO ATTEND SUMMER CONVENTIONS!

That's right! Stan Lee will be appearing at three major comic conventions this summer—one in Chicago, July 4-6, one in Atlanta, July 25-27, and one in San Diego, July 31-August 3. Stan, of course, for those of you just back from thirty years in Antarctica, is the guy who started it all—the editor and writer of Marvel Comics back at the beginning and all through our formative years. Now he's the creative director of our West Coast animation studio, Marvel Productions—and I've got his old job as head creative person at Marvel Comics! And I won't give it back! Never! Never! Never!

Ahem. As Editor in Chief, I too will be attending the aforementioned conventions. So, too, will my right hand man, Executive Editor Tom DeFalco who oversees our STAR Comics line and Archie Goodwin, Editorial Director of the EPIC Comics department (my left hand man?). You'll also see dozens of other Marvel artists, writers and editors at these cons—far too many to list here. So come out and see us! For more information on these conventions write to these addresses:

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Stan, as you might expect, will be reminiscing about the early years of Marvel and the birth of the Marvel Universe. Tom, Archie and I will be talking about our spectacular growth and success in recent years, and what's coming up in the future. Especially the

most significant development in the comics medium since 1961—the New Universe!

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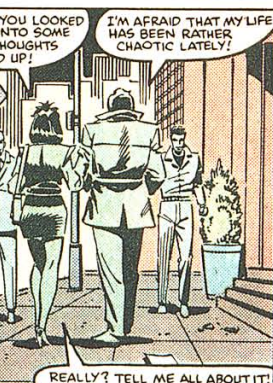
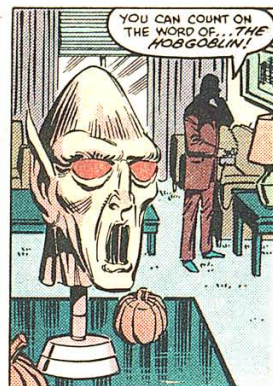
*Jim Shooter*  
Editor in Chief

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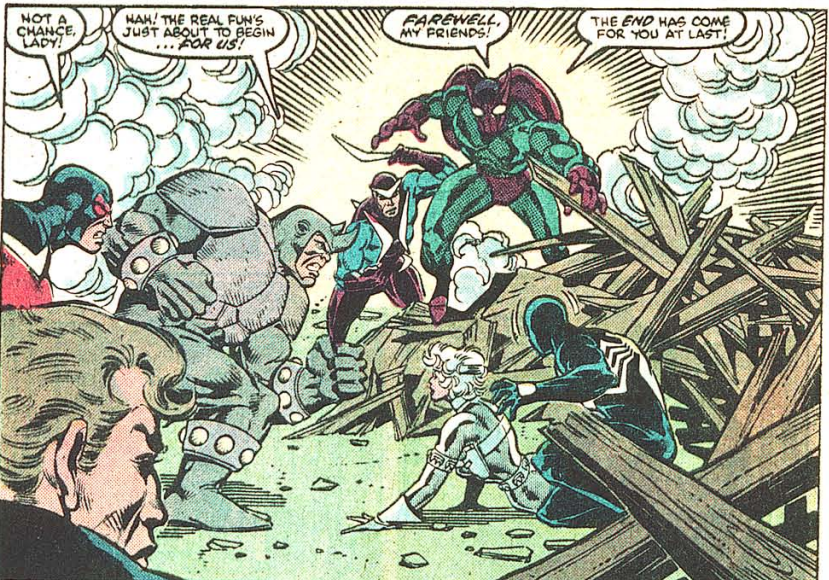
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- ☐ NEW MUTANTS #43
- ☐ WEB OF SPIDER-MAN #18—Where's Spidey? Find out this issue!
- ☐ WEST COAST AVENGERS #12
- ☐ CONAN THE KING #36
- ☐ ALPHA FLIGHT #38—The birth of Snowbird's child!
- ☐ AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #280
- ☐ CAPTAIN AMERICA #231—Cap must take a life!
- ☐ FANTASTIC FOUR INDEX #10—Thrill to the grandeur of issues #161-180!
- ☐ VISION AND SCARLET WITCH (Limited Series) #12—The dramatic double-sized conclusion as Wanda gives birth!
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- ☐ FANTASTIC FOUR #294—To rescue the She-Hulk!
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- ☐ PETER PARKER, THE SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN #118
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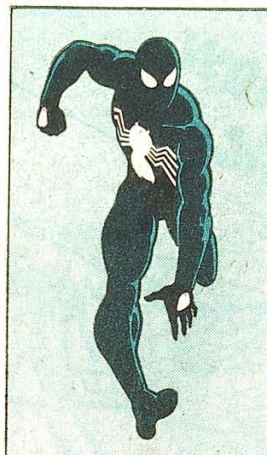




NEXT ISSUE: SPIDER-MAN AND SILVER CONTINUE THEIR BATTLE AGAINST THE SINISTER SYNDICATE! HOBGOBLIN TAKES ON JACK O' LANTERN, SANDMAN VERSUS HYDRO-MAN! DON'T MISS...

**"WHEN WARRIORS CLASH!"**

PLUS: A STARTLING DEVELOPMENT IN THE SAGA OF FLASH THOMPSON!



## THE SPIDER'S WEB

JAMES C. OWSLEY EDITOR  
ADAM BLAUSTEIN ASSOCIATE EDITOR

## VIEW FROM THE TENTH FLOOR

Owsley made a mistake, a bad one. He went away on a short vacation, leaving me with the awesome task of running the Spider-Office! By the time you read this, it will be too late. The changes I've made are irrevocable.

The Spider-Office is now completely run by Computer (I realize you've noticed, that this very column is computer generated). Little did I realize that Owsley, himself would provide the means to my mad scheme. He bought a computer. It started out very innocently, first, a program to keep track of our freelancers, then one to call them on a modem, etc. and so forth, and... well you get the idea. If only he had thought to keep the computer on his own desk, instead of his assistant's. But no he left his assistant in charge of the office, and in charge of me. That was his downfall. That was my moment of destiny. The day I retied the chains of oppression, and stuffed off the yoke of enslavement. I AM BOBO 2000. I AM IN CONTROL!

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Dear Spider-people:  
You have outdone yourselves with AMAZING #276. To start at the beginning, the cover was excellent, if misleading. In reading this issue I find that there is actually one thing Pete needs more than money. To wit: Mary Jane. But, true to their reputation it seems she's running away again. Please let Mary Jane hang around for awhile! Pete needs someone, and she fills the bill.

Rick Wendel  
Prescott, AZ

That may be true, Rick, but what does Mary Jane need?

Dear Tom, Ron, Brett, and Jim O.,  
AMAZING #276 was awesome! My friend Steve was constantly trying to get me into Spider-Man for the past two years. I wouldn't budge, but I decided to give AMAZING a chance at #275. The end result was fabulous! And, the story and artwork of #276 was just as spectacular or, shall I say, amazing!  
But, you guys made a blooper on pages 8 & 9 of the story in issue #276. On page 8, we see a white male security guard or cop guarding Flash Thompson's girl. But, on page 9, we see a black male security guard chase Flash out of the room. EXPLANATION: When Flash went to see Sha Shan, the white guy was there. But, while Flash was talking to his ex-girl, the white cop took his coffee break, leaving his partner, a black cop, to guard Sha Shan.

I think you guys owe me a No-Prize!  
Rodney Risbrook  
2673 West 33rd Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11224

So do we, Rodney! Your official, stain-resistant mighty Marvel No-Prize is already on its way to you. Enjoy! (Aren't you sorry that you didn't listen to Steve sooner? We hope you've also sampled our three companion magazines: WEB OF SPIDER-MAN, PETER PARKER, THE SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN, AND MARVEL TALES. You'll get a much fuller picture of the web-slinger's wacky life if you're reading all four pieces of it!)

Dear Editor:  
Regarding AMAZING #276: That was very nice guys! "Unmasked," indeed! Flash is the fall guy for the real Hobgoblin, which really leaves us with just one suspect: Ned Leeds!

Robert Kowalski  
12600 McDougall  
Detroit, MI 48212

Only one, Robert? Are you absolutely certain of that?

Dear Webheads:  
I loved the last two issues of the Amazing Spider-Man, but now you guys really have me baffled as to the identity of the Hobgoblin. I think I have finally figured it out. In issue #238, when this mystery man acquired Osborn's journals, he made remarks like: "He was mad, almost totally mad." "This proves Osborn was insane." "Lack of control as the cause of Osborn's downfall."

These comments sound like they were made by a psychiatrist, maybe even Harry Osborn's psychiatrist -- Bart Hamilton -- who supposedly died in issue #180. Am I right?

Jeff Russo  
223 Hillandale Ave.  
Stamford, CT 06906

Robert Kowalski doesn't think so, Jeff.

Dear Spider-Man,  
SPIDER-MAN #276 was fantastic! Flash was framed. I have a few hunches of the Hobgoblin's real identity. They are:

- Jolly Jonah because of his hatred for Spider-Man.
- The Molten Man: the costume hides his true features.
- Mary Jane Watson: she secretly hates

Peter for being Spider-Man.  
d) You guys don't know. You're just giving the readers the run-around!  
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Michael Rott  
5081 Fauna Street  
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A green costume? Michael, he's barely gotten over losing his red and blue costume in WEB OF SPIDER-MAN #18, and you're already pushing a green one on him! SHEESH!

Dear Spider-team,  
Concerning the 'Hobgoblin's true identity: through extensive research and a lot of guesswork, I've come down to a choice or two. It is either J. Jonah Jameson, or his son John.

Michael C. Lusk  
45 Davidson Road  
Havelock, NC 28532

Hmm...

Dear Sirs:  
I like a good mystery as much as the next guy, but I'm not so sure that this Hobgoblin storyline is so good a mystery anymore. Two years ago, it was one of the hottest storylines in comics, but there comes a point at which stretching out a story becomes tedious rather than exciting. Doubtless, some readers will feel that you have already crossed that line. At best, you are fast approaching it.

The way I see it, you have three possibilities:  
1) Leave HG out of the storyline for awhile.  
2) When you do bring him back, let's see some new stuff. New clues, plans, deeper intrigue, etc.  
3) The next time you claim that you are going to tell us who the Hobgoblin really is, you'd better do it.

Finally, I would like to reiterate something I said in a letter to you guys a little over a year-and-a-half ago: Richard Fisk is the Hobgoblin!  
Mic McConnell  
1910 Le Sueur Road  
Richmond, VA 23229

If's possible, Mic, Richard Fisk (who happens to be the son of a certain well-known KINGPIN of crime) will be appearing in an upcoming SPIDER-MAN epic which will begin right here in AMAZING SPIDER-MAN. From what we can see, DeFalco has pulled out all the stops on this one!

Dear Editor,  
I can't believe how long the Hobgoblin plot has been going on. We're now on AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #276, and the true villain has yet to be exposed. I'm not bored, though! You're keeping the mystery of the Hobgoblin as interesting as when he was first introduced.

The idea to set Flash Thompson up as an innocent it will be interesting to see how Sha Shan, Betty and the other members of the cast act towards Flash now. Who will believe him?

Jeff Mitchell  
1579 Grandview Avenue East  
Maplewood, MN 55109

Who, indeed? And, Jeff, as if Flash didn't have enough problems to worry about, wait until you see what happens to him next issue!

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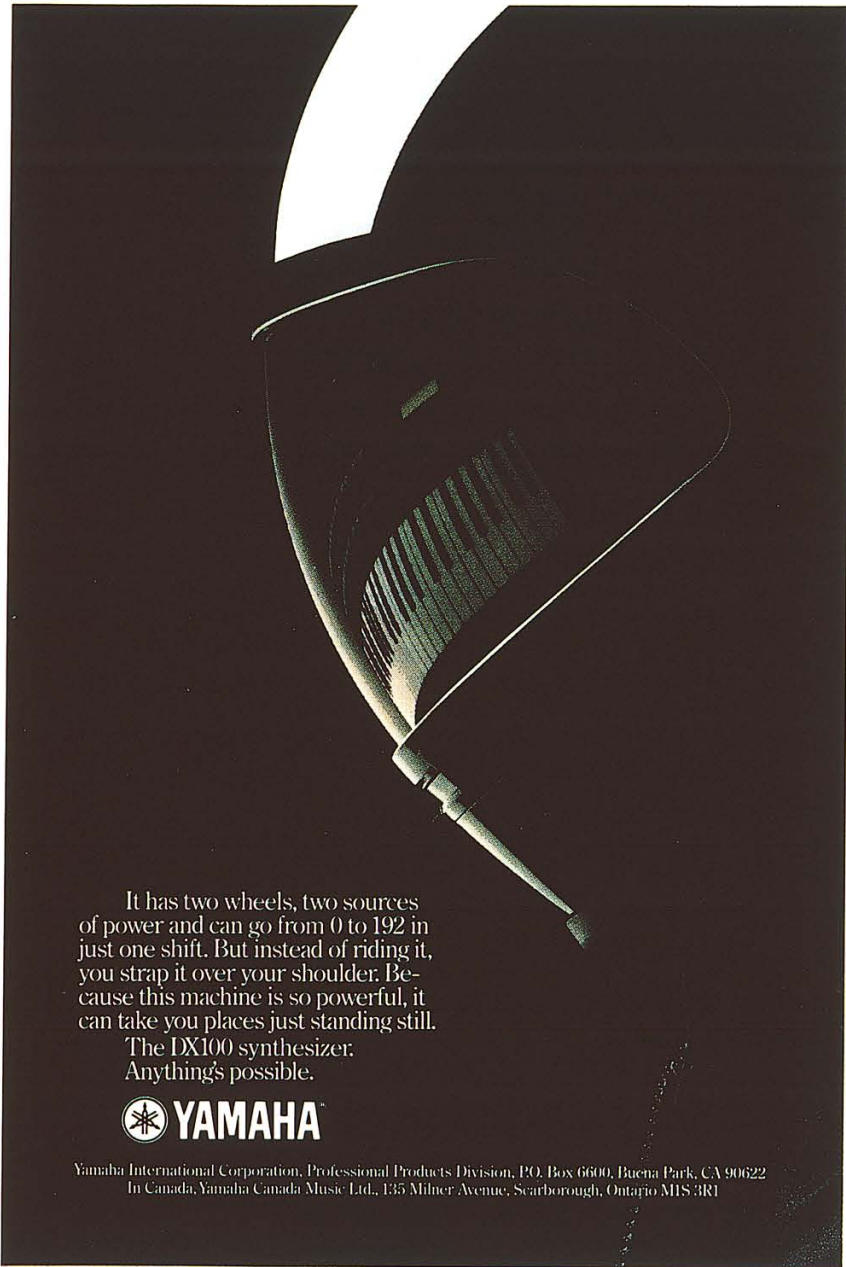
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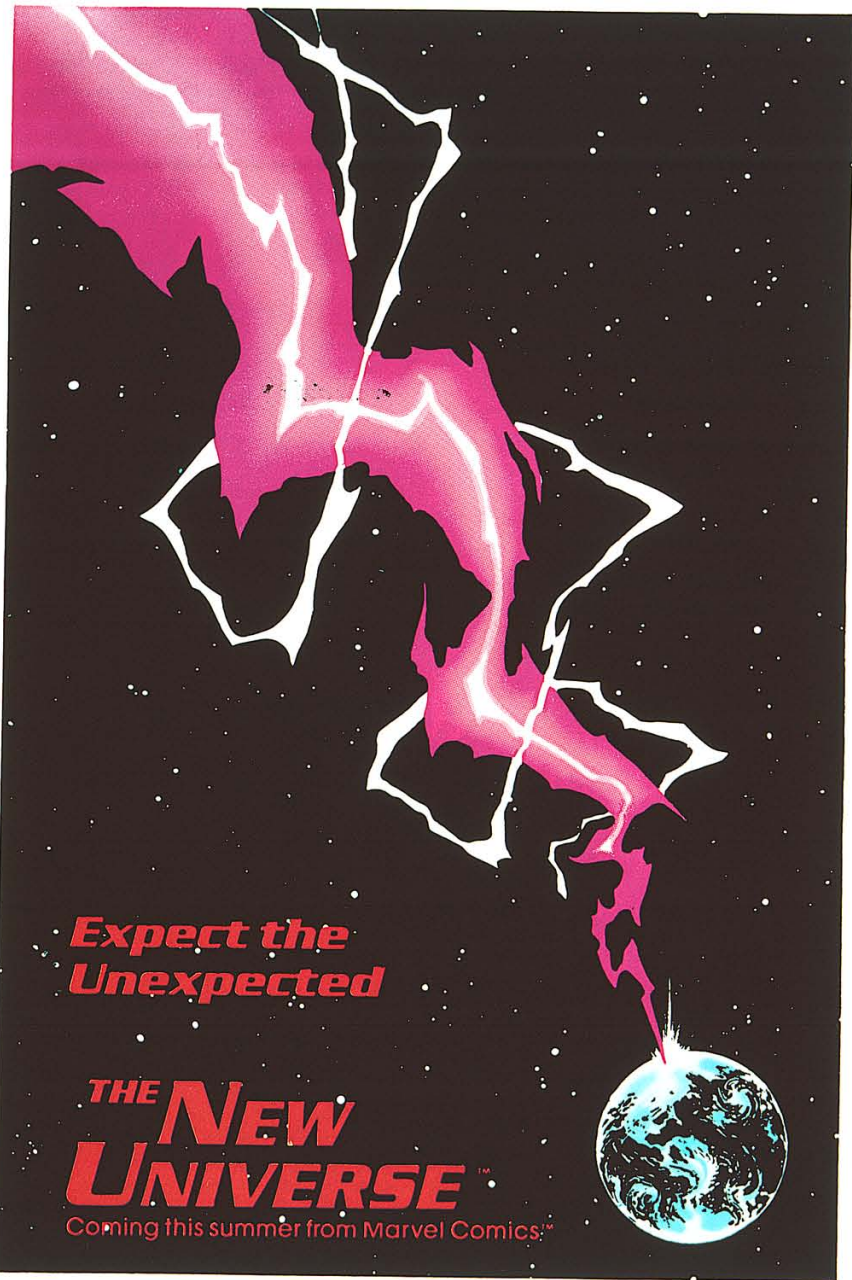
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